

Key Themes from New Funding Models Meeting, May 4, 2006

Committee Members in Attendance

Name	Organization
Nick Beamer	<i>Executive Director, Aging and Long Term Care of</i>
Nancy Dapper	<i>Alzheimer's Association</i>
Josh Gortler	CEO, Caroline Kline Galland Home
David Haack	Chair, DSHS GLBT Advisory Committee
Benita Hyder	<i>OPEIU, Local 8</i>
Janice LaFlash	<i>OIC</i>
Dennis Mahar	<i>Executive Director, Thurston County AAA</i>
Aaron Mountain	<i>Walla Walla</i>
Deb Murphy	<i>WA Association of Housing and Services for the Aging</i>
Sally Nixon	<i>Pierce Co. AAA</i>
Donna Patrick	<i>DD Advocate</i>
David Rolf	<i>SEIU-775</i>
Robert Stevenson	<i>State Council on Aging (Pt. Townsend)</i>
Cassie Undland	<i>Executive Director, Evercare</i>

1) Caregiver Support Brief:

- Lack of good research data on what is actually being done in terms of supporting caregiving and what outcomes are being realized.
- Is there a way to project how many more people would have functioned as caregivers if they had received some level of support?
- Need to look at technology as another way to support people in their homes.

2) Personal Savings/Assets Brief:

- Concern about recent trends related to decreasing pension plans, less home equity being established, and increasing levels of personal debt during later years of life making personal savings a difficult approach.
- Forecast out median net worth (and debt) of boomers.

3) LTC Insurance Brief:

- Proposals that include LTC insurance need to incorporate clear objectives to provide coverage flexibility to adapt to changes in delivery over time and to allow only defensible rate increases.

4) Social Insurance Brief:

- Buy-in provision preferable to waiting period.
- Credits accrued for caregiving usable for own care through the social insurance system or as contribution to copays.
- How to avoid unintentionally destroying non-paid caregiving as a result of paying relatives for care through the social insurance benefit or incentives to promote greater family care and support.
- Using ADLs as triggers for benefits versus supporting early intervention and disease management.

- Triggers should be used as part of benefit access to advance the movement of persons to most appropriate settings as needs justify.
- Interested in an outline of a social insurance model (modeled after the Workers Compensation or Unemployment Insurance) that will give the group some rough ideas as to how it might work (structure), the benefits and triggers, lead time needed to implement and to build up reserves, required levels of contribution etc.

5) Other Items of Discussion:

- Would like more detailed breakout of the 65+ population statistics into smaller age ranges.
- Would like information on the impact of the Deficit Reduction Act on Medicaid.